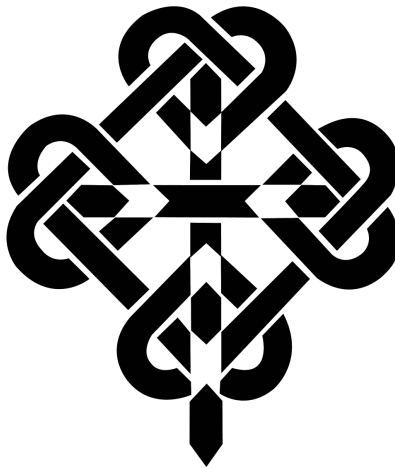


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



*The whole body joined and knit together...  
building itself up in love.  
— Ephesians 4:16 —*

APRIL 25, 2021

## Who We Seek to Be

*In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of*

**Joyful Worship**, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

**Loving Fellowship**, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

**Enthusiastic Service**, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

John Rutter  
ALETHEA FUNCK

*Sarabande, Suite No. 1 for cello in G major*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
HELENA NORMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: All who thirst, come to the water.

**People: Come, all who are weary;  
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

**All: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Let us drink deeply of these living waters. Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### \* INVOCATION



1.O breath of God come fill this place, Re - vive our  
 2.O word of God, so clear and true, Re - new our  
 3.O love of God, so un - re - strained, Re - fresh our  
 6 4.May God the Fa - ther, God the Son And God the



hearts to know Your grace and from our slum - ber\_\_\_  
 minds to trust in You; And give to us the\_\_\_  
 souls in Je - sus' name. Let us re - flect Your\_\_\_  
 11 Spi - rit make us one. In ho - li - ness let\_\_\_



make us rise, that we may  
 bread of Life, That we may  
 sac - ri - fice, that we may  
 14 us u - nite, That we may



know the\_\_\_ ri - sen Christ.  
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# WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

**Leader:** God is light, yet we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.

**People:** **When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.  
When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.**

**Leader:** When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way.

**People:** **We need forgiveness for our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.  
We need faith that trusts when it cannot see,**

**All:** **We seek to walk in the light that lingers when all else fails; we long to  
follow the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior.**

Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

## SONG OF CONFESSION: *Perdon, Señor/Forgive Us, Lord (Verses 1 and 4)*

*Todos/All*  $B\flat$  C Dm *Fine* *Soloista/Solo or choir* Fmaj7/C *Todos/All*  $B\flat$  C

*Spanish* 1 Per-dón, Se - ñor. Por tan - tas in - jus - ti - cias, Per - dón, Se -  
2 Per-dón, Se - ñor. Es - ta - mos en pri - sio - nes, Per - dón, Se -  
*English* 1 For - give us, Lord. For all the world's in - jus - tice, For - give us,  
2 For - give us, Lord. We're shack - led by our ha - bits, For - give us,

*Soloista/Solo or choir* Dm Gm/B $\flat$  Dm/A *Todos/All*  $B\flat$  C Dm D.C.

ñor. Por tan - ta in - di - fe - ren - cia, Per - dón, Se - ñor.  
ñor. Es - cla - vos del pe - ca - do, Per - dón, Se - ñor.  
Lord. For all of our in - dif - ference, For - give us, Lord.  
Lord. We're chained to dis - o - be - dience, For - give us, Lord.

*Spanish soloista*

*English solo or choir*

3 Al perdonar a otros, . . .  
De acuerdo a tu promesa, . . .

3 As we forgive each other, . . .  
According to your promise, . . .

4 Libera hoy tu pueblo, . . .  
Que pueda hoy servirte, . . .

4 Deliver us from evil, . . .  
For joyful service free us, . . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Psalm 130*)

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

**All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with those around you.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Christ Still Rises*

Christ still rises when fear grips our city,  
when death takes no pity,  
when much is unknown.  
Christ still rises when friends are divided,  
when joy feels misguided,  
when we are alone.  
Christ still rises when churches are shuttered,  
when praises are muttered,  
when prayers go unsaid.  
Christ still rises when peace has all faded,  
when we are most jaded,  
when faith turns to dread,  
when faith turns to dread.

Joanna Sire, Felicity Roche, Helena Norman  
Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Christ still rises when we give to neighbors,  
when we share our labors,  
when strangers belong.  
Christ still rises when we come together,  
when love is our tether,  
when hope is our song.  
Christ still rises when grieving is ended,  
when bodies are mended,  
when beauty heals pain.  
Christ still rises when fear has retreated,  
when death is defeated  
and joy will remain,  
and joy will remain.

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

LEON SINCLAIR

**WE HEAR GOD SPEAK**

*(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)*

READER: MARK NOLL

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 122*

<sup>1</sup> I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing  
in your gates, Jerusalem.  
<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built like a city  
that is closely compacted together.  
<sup>4</sup> That is where the tribes go up—  
the tribes of the Lord—  
to praise the name of the Lord  
according to the statute given to Israel.  
<sup>5</sup> There stand the thrones for judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May those who love you be secure.  
<sup>7</sup> May there be peace within your walls  
and security within your citadels.”  
<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my family and friends,  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”  
<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your prosperity. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

(John describes the Revelation given to him of the New Jerusalem.)

*Revelation 21:15-27*

<sup>15</sup> The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. <sup>16</sup> The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. <sup>17</sup> The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. <sup>18</sup> The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. <sup>19</sup> The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, <sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Glorious City*

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

Please remember to keep proper social distancing immediately following the service for the well-being of everyone here this morning. Thank you!

\* CLOSING HYMN: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (Congregation sings with masks.)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **TODAY**

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Leon Sinclair will be available at the front following the service.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Helena Norman, Joanna Sire, Felicity Roche

**Thanks to our technical crew.**

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Food pantry open</b>
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>3rd - 5th grade Sunday School (Zoom)</b>
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>College Fellowship</b>
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group (Zoom)</b>
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Ed class (Zoom)</b> Seth Ehorn continues "The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament."

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday

**No Women's Bible Studies this week**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

7:00 p.m. **Men's Book group** (Zoom)

## **IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND**

Our Buildings & Grounds team respectfully ask everyone to steer clear of the church during the work week, if possible, since workers are on site. If you need to drop off or pick up materials. Just ring the bell and let someone from staff come down to meet you at the door.

If you are having trouble tracking down an appointment to be vaccinated, ask your helpful deacon! Contact Katie Pickard: [katie.koechling@gmail.com](mailto:katie.koechling@gmail.com) or 630-251-2023.

## NOTES

*ELDERS*

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Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

*DEACONS*

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Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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